

CLAIMS

1. Holder for plant cuttings, comprising at least one carrier and a series of clamping elements which are fixed to the carrier and which are each adapted to clamp a plant cutting, wherein the clamping elements are fixed to the carrier such that plant cuttings clamped in
10 the clamping elements extend substantially parallel to each other, and the centre of each of the clamping elements is situated substantially in the same central plane.

2. Holder as claimed in claim 1, **characterized**
15 **in that** the central plane extends at a right angle to the plant cuttings.

3. Holder as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that the carrier extends as a strip and that the clamping elements are fixed to the carrier at
20 regular mutual distances.

4. Holder as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3,
characterized in that the clamping elements are each fixed on the same side of the carrier.

5. Holder as claimed in any of the foregoing
25 claims, **characterized in that** the mutual distance between the clamping elements on one side of the carrier is greater than or equal to the mutual distance between the centre of the clamping elements so that two carriers with their clamping elements can be placed between each other.

30 6. Holder as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, **characterized in that** the carrier is substantially flexible.

7. Holder as claimed in any of the claims 1-5,
characterized in that the carrier is divided into
35 substantially rigid pieces which are coupled in mutually flexible manner.

8. Holder as claimed in any of the claims 1-5, **characterized in that** the carrier has been made substantially from rigid material.

9. Holder as claimed in claim 8, **characterized in that** the clamping elements have been made from softer material than the carrier.

10. Holder as claimed in claim 9, **characterized in that** the clamping elements have been made in the carrier by injection moulding and that they are connected with the carrier.

11. Holder as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, **characterized in that** the clamping elements each comprise at least two parts, at least one of which is connected resiliently to the carrier.

12. Holder as claimed in claim 11, **characterized in that** the parts each take substantially the form of a semi-cylindrical surface, wherein both parts are connected to the carrier such that in the non-loaded situation both parts are separated on either side by a narrow gap.

13. Holder as claimed in claim 11 or 12, **characterized in that** the inner walls of both parts of the clamping elements have an upward diverging form on one side.

14. Holder as claimed in claim 11, 12 or 13, **characterized in that** the inner wall of both parts of the clamping elements together have a substantially oval section.

15. Holder as claimed in claim 12, 13 or 14, **characterized in that** each of the parts is connected to the carrier by at least two bridges.

16. Holder as claimed in claim 15, **characterized in that** each of the parts is connected to the carrier by a single bridge element, and that each bridge element extends over a substantial part of the length of the parts of the clamping element.

17. Holder as claimed in claim 16,
characterized in that both parts of the clamping element
are mutually connected by a thin strip of material.

5 **13.** Holder as claimed in claim 15,
characterized in that the carrier comprises elements
which extend parallel to the axis of the clamping
elements and which are connected by means of a narrowed
portion to parts of the carrier extending substantially
in lengthwise direction of the carrier.

10 **19.** Holder as claimed in claim 18,
characterized in that the carrier comprises two rods
extending in lengthwise direction to which the elements
are fixed.

15 **20.** Holder as claimed in claim 19,
characterized in that the clamping elements extend
partially between the rods.

20 **21.** Holder as claimed in claim 11,
characterized in that each of the parts of the clamping
elements are connected to the carrier for tilting on an
axis extending substantially at a right angle to the
plane of the carrier.

25 **22.** Holder as claimed in claim 21,
characterized in that each of the parts of the clamping
elements are connected to the carrier by means of a
connection subject to torsion.

30 **23.** Holder as claimed in claim 22,
characterized in that the parts of the clamping elements
each comprise a plate which comprises a clamping surface
on one side of the connection to the carrier and are
provided on the other side with engaging surfaces for
moving apart the clamping surfaces in the manner of a
lever.

35 **24.** Holder as claimed in any of the claims
9-23, **characterized in that** the holder is manufactured by
injection moulding or thermoforming of plastic.

25. Holder as claimed in any of the claims 1-6,
characterized in that the carrier is manufactured from
flat material in which at least three lips are punched at

the position of each clamping element, which lips are adapted to fixedly clamp the plant cuttings.

26. Holder as claimed in claim 25,
characterized in ~~that~~ the holder is manufactured from
5 paper or from plastic foil.